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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Public Safety Committee
Meeting of April 20, 2005**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman Chester Stribling called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Raymond, Graham, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Charlie Ray Fox, Jr., Sheriff
- Mr. Jonathan Lynn, Commonwealth Attorney
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Assistant County Administrator
- Mr. Tim McMenamin, Director, WFJCC
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Chief Philip Myer, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Bill Barker, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Bill Dugan, WFJCC
- Ms. Deanna Smith, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. J.D. Mitchell, Scott District Resident
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

*Alexandra Bogedahovic of the Fauquier Times
Democrat joined the Public Safety Committee as an observer.

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Stribling called for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the March 23, 2005 meeting. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

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4. Court Room Security

In the wake of the recent court room shooting in Atlanta, Sheriff Fox advised that some of the local judiciary have expressed concerns about court room security. He advises that the Sheriff's Office is currently reviewing their policies with respect to this issue. Sheriff Fox has also arranged for the United States Marshall's Office to conduct an independent survey on the efficiency of the current court room arrangement. They are also considering metal detectors in the future if necessary.

5. N.I.M.S. Resolution

Philip Myer requested a Board of Supervisors resolution to adopt the National Interagency Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.) He advised that per presidential directive, localities must invoke N.I.M.S. to be eligible for federal funding. Ray Graham agreed and requested that Katie Heritage place this resolution on the next B.O.S. agenda for adoption.

6. WSA Requirements on Fire Protection Lines

Philip Myer informed the committee that the Water and Sanitation Authority requires a special water meter on all fire flow lines that historically don't use much water. These meters can be quite costly (Approximately \$60,000) and are not a code requirement. More research will be done on the issue to determine if such meters are necessary.

7. Fire and Rescue Dispatchers

Tom Marable inquired about the status of hiring new fire and rescue dispatchers following implementation of the 911 tax. He feels safety could be compromised due to time delays in reaching an available dispatcher. Katie Heritage advised that the hiring process will begin after the tax is assessed and collections begin in August or September 2005. Tim McMenamin confirmed that one additional dispatcher will be added to each shift.

Discussion also ensued regarding a contract to be developed that requires new recruits to pay for training costs if they terminate their employment early. Katie Heritage advised that County Attorney Kevin Burke is in the process of drafting such a contract that will cover all county personnel, rather than just public safety personnel.

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8. Roundtable

Tim McMenamin advised that he is looking into a number of Department of Homeland Security Programs and is also exploring the implementation of a Telephone Service Priority List. Such a program would make Public Safety Agencies the first priority for phone service restoration in the event of a disaster. He is also exploring the possibility of an emergency dispatcher accreditation program. Sheriff Fox is hoping to get the inmate litter pick up program going again in the near future.

Philip Myer reported that the county received additional funding to purchase thirteen more heart defibrillators. In addition, another \$63,000 was received for mobile data technology. Katie Heritage has requested federal appropriations and has been working with our U.S. Legislative Delegation to obtain funding for mobile data transmitters in first response vehicles. Bill Dugan advised that bids on the mobile data system are in and are in the process of being reviewed. The shared use agreement with Culpeper County is also moving along and should be on air by August.

9. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Given under my hand this 26th day of April 2005

Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff
Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee

